

through your countries. Your Great Father desires that his white children shall pass along these roads without molestation of any kind, and when depredations are committed he don't want to be told that they were by a war party of one nation in the territory of another.

When you have made peace between all your nations here assembled, there will be no occasion for war parties going into the country, of another nation.

Your nations are divided up into bands or small tribes, and many of these small bands are as hostile to other bands of their own people as they are to other nations. Your Great Father will not recognize any such divisions. The bands of the several nations or tribes must make peace with each other and form one nation. Your Great Father will only treat with the whole nation or tribe when united, not with any band however large or powerful. For this purpose I desire that each nation shall select one suitable man to be "Chief of the whole nation," who shall be recognized as the head of the nation or tribe, and through whom your Great Father will transact all Government business. The man you select for Chief of the nation should be a good man, and fit for the place. Your Great Father will support and sustain him in his place as Head Chief of the nation, so long as he acts properly, and will expect you to pledge yourselves to respect, obey and maintain him in the exercise of his just authority.

In the event that these propositions are agreed to and a treaty made, it is proposed by your Great Father, on behalf of the United States Government, to agree to give to the tribes or nations entering into the treaty, an annuity of \$50,000 per year, for fifty years, to be distributed amongst the several nations according to their respective numbers, and in such manner as your Great Father may think most to your advantage. It is not proposed to give you this sum in money, so that white men may cheat you out of it, but to give it to you in goods,